

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alenka VESEL, et al.
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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MEASURING ULTRAHIGH VACUUM**

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

RESPONDING TO MAY 18, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Prior to examining this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application and responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 18, 2009, Applicants hereby submit the following remarks and amendments to the claims. In addition, Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including November 18, 2009 to respond to the Final Office Action.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$ 1920.00 to Deposit Account No. 502190 for the accompanying response, including \$ 810.00 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee and \$ 1,110.00 for a three month extension of time fee. **If there is any fee deficiency, or fee overpayment for the accompanying response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.